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Request for VACSB-Sponsored Legislation/Budget Initiatives

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- Brief background information on reason for request:
 1. There is a significant need for a public MH, MR, SAS system of care for children in the State of Virginia documented by recommendations from the 330F Committee.
 2. DMHMRSAS General Fund dollars funded two (2) pilot projects - 2005 General Assembly session, the first dollars ever designated for children's services.
 3. CSBs have not been able to adequately serve four (4) of the most challenging child populations (Juvenile Justice involved youth, and MH/IR, MH/SA, MH/MR/SA youth) due to funding constraints and lack of effective treatment models. **For these reasons, funding is being requested for six (6) Demonstration Projects across the State CSB system that will target the populations listed above and will utilize either Functional Family Therapy (FFT) or Multisystemic Therapy (MST), two evidence-based, in-home models that have been proven to be effective with these specific populations. Two Demonstration projects will be continuation projects. Two new pilots to be identified for 2007 and two additional new pilots in 2008.**
- Desired result and benefit to CSB:
 1. Six CSBs would receive the funding and technical training/support to implement effective treatment models.
 2. A formerly unserved/underserved population will receive appropriate services in six localities.
 3. Program effectiveness and cost-benefit data will be available to use to prove the need to replicate these projects throughout the State.
- Specific action needed:
 - A request would be made to the General Assembly to approve a \$3,000,000 appropriation for DMHMRSAS for 2007 and \$4,000,000 for 2008.

- DMHMRSAS would:
 - Issue RFPs
 - CSBs would submit proposals
 - \$500,000 would be used to secure MST and FFT licenses and related training for the Demo sites.
 - \$500,000 would be allocated for Program Evaluation/Technical Assistance
 - \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 each year and \$500,000 each project per year) would be allocated for two CSB Continuity Demonstration Projects
 - Two additional projects for 2007 (\$500,000 each)
 - Two additional projects for 2008 (\$500,000 each)